

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and further and favorable consideration of the subject application in light of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

By the present amendment claim 67 has been amended. Support for the amendment to claim 67 can be found throughout the specification and original claims.

No new matter has been added by the present amendment. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation or divisional application directed to any subject matter which may have been canceled in this application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephonic interview on March 8, 2006. It was agreed that the foregoing amendment of claim 67 would overcome the rejections of claim 67 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112 and 103.

Applicants also submit herewith a terminal disclaimer over each of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,133,028 and 7,005,277, which issued from Application No. 09/725,720. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 66 and 67 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting having been rendered moot.

In view of the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order and such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment and Reply, or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would

telephone the undersigned concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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